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1. DURING OCT 24 CONVERSATION ON ANOTHER MATTER, MFA AMERICAN DESK OFFICER, TIVADAR IVAN, LAMENTED SLOW PACE OF IMPROVEMENT IN BILATERAL RELATIONS. SAID GOH HAD HOPED FOR FASTER "NORMALIZATION OF OUR RELATIONS" AND CITED

PRESIDENT NIXON'S STATEMENT TO EFFECT THAT US READY TO WIDEN RELATIONS WITH EE AT PACE THEY PREPARED TO GO.

2. IVAN STATED THAT GOH UNDERSTOOD DIFFICULTY OF EXECUTIVE BRANCH IN SECURING MFN FOR HUNGARY, BUT THAT THERE OTHER AREAS WHERE PROGRESS COULD BE SPEEDED UP. HE THEN SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED EARLY CONCLUSION OF CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC AGREEMENTS AND MUTUAL LIFTING OF RESTRICTIONS ON CLOSED AREAS. SAID THAT ON LATTER POINT MFA ANXIOUS TO MOVE.

3. EMBOFF SAID USG ALSO WANTED TO SPEED IMPROVEMENTS AND REMINDED IVAN THAT GOH SHOULD BE SOMEWHAT MORE SENSITIVE TO US INTERESTS SUCH AS IN VCTNAM. HE REPLIED THAT MFA AWARE OF US SENSITIVITIES BUT THAT GOH HAD COMMITMENTS WITH ITS ALLIES WHICH IT MUST CARRY OUT,
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